(c) whether Railways propose to operate trains immediately for Jaipur and Delhi at Chittor-Bhilwara-Ajmer-Jaipur section as they were running in the past; and

(d) if not, whether at least one train would be operated to save the passengers from inconvenience?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) At present, there is no proposal to introduce a train between Delhi and Chittaurgarh *via* Jaipur-Ajmer-Bhilwara due to operational and resource constraints. However, passengers intending to travel between Delhi and Chittaurgarh/Bhilwara *via* Jaipur can do so with a change over at Ajmer.

Poor amenities at railway stations

2069. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is cognizant of the poor amenities at the railway stations;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is planning public-private partnership in providing and maintenance of passenger amenities;

(c) if so, when such policy enunciated;

(d) whether relevant guidelines on the public-private partnership have been issued;

(e) if so, the details of obligations and revenue sharing arrangements under such partnership;

(f) how many private players have expressed interests in such partnership; and

(g) where have such partnership been operationalised, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. Passenger amenities have been provided at railway stations as per norms and are in satisfactory condition.

(b) Yes, Sir. Twenty two (22) metro and mini-metro railway stations have been identified for redevelopment as world class stations.

(c) In Supplementary Budget (Railways) 2005-06, policy on redevelopment of metro and mini-metro railway stations as world class stations was enunciated.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) to (g) Do not arise.

Upgradation/rehabilitation of bridges

2070. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has not been able to meet the annual targets set for the upgradation/rehabilitation of bridges despite downgrading the annual targets;

(b) if so, the details of last three years and the reason for such under performance; and

(c) what is the annual target for current year and what has been the achievement, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) It is a fact that there has been some shortfall in achievement of physical targets set for rebuilding/strengthening/rehabilitation of bridges during the last three years. But it is also noteworthy that total number of bridges rebuilt/strengthened/rehabilitated has been increased drastically are given as under:

Year	No. of bridges rebuilt/ strengthened/rehabilitated
2001-02	725
2002-03	1151
2003-04	1563

Shortfall during last 3 years has resulted due to various complexities involved in execution of Bridge Works. Bridge Works get delayed due to various reasons like non-availability of traffic blocks, bad weather conditions, floods, non availability of steel/cement and other extraneous circumstances. The details of annual targets and achievements of Bridge Works during the last three years and current year are given as under:

Year	No. of bridges targeted for rebuilding/strengthening/ rehabilitation during the year	No. of bridges rebuilt/strengthened/ rehabilitated during the year
2004-05	1629	1579
2005-06	1453	1431
2006-07	1272	1114
2007-08	1444	544 (Upto October, 2007)

New railway projects in Karnataka

2071. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has recently suggested new railway lines and projects for the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken, so far, by the Railway thereon; and

(c) whether the State Government has also proposed new train services and if so, the details thereof and the action taken, so far, thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Details and action taken on some of the ongoing projects requested by the Government of Karnataka are as under:—